

**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

**FROM:** Donald Wiswell, CHAIRMAN

**DATE:** January 6, 2004

**SUBJECT:** MEETING Tuesday, January 6, 2004

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The next commission meeting will be held on **Monday, February 09, 2004** at the Maine Motor Transport, Whitten Road, Augusta. The phone number is 623-4128.

**THE FEBRUARY MEETING WILL START AT 9:00 AM**

1. Approve minutes of January 6, 2004 meeting.
2. Discuss pending matters, complaints, responses, application, etc.
3. New Business.
4. Public Comments.

## **MAINE WATER WELL DRILLING COMMISSION**

Minutes of January 6, 2004 Meeting

### **Members Present:**

Don Wiswell (Chairman)  
Ed Bowie, Driller  
Glenn Dyer, Driller  
Marc Loiselle, MGS  
Rodney Pratt, Driller  
Chris Olson, DOT  
David Braley, DHS

### **Others Present:**

Dean Getchell  
Dale Denno, AAG  
Debbie Dyer  
Carol Champagne  
Mike Morin  
Ike Goodwin

### **Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

### **Approval of December 2, 2003 meeting minutes:**

A correction made in the wording of the Specialty Well Applications from "and" to "or". Accepted unanimously.

### **New Complaints:**

Mike Morin vs Conrad "Joe" Dube - Mr. Morin addressed the Commission, along with Ike Goodwin from Goodwin Water and Wells, concerning a well he had drilled by Conrad Dube. The well is 52' deep with 12' of casing and produces 12 gpm.

The Commission viewed a video of Mr. Morin's well, which was produced by Goodwin Water and Wells. The Commission determined after viewing the video that the well was improperly constructed. The "Well Driller and Pump Installer Rules" require a minimum of 20' of casing be installed and further requires sufficient casing to insure surface water cannot enter the well. The Commission asked for a water test "B" to be taken.

The well has a significant radon problem. The Commission has recommended that the well be abandoned. No complaint had been filed at the time of the meeting, but Mr. Morin may submit a complaint in the future.

### Update on Complaints:

Shawn Benoit vs Gerry Hill Well Drilling - This Commission finding has been appealed in writing. Gerry Hill Well Drilling believes that enough casing has been installed, and that the water entering the well just below the casing is not surface water. The Commission will initiate the process of appeals with Jim Bevens at the DHS Office of Appeals.

Gregory Beane vs Carmel Well Drilling - The Commission had earlier found that the well was drilled in violation of the Rules and must be replaced. Carmel well Drilling has been ordered to replace the well, but has not contacted either the Commission or the homeowner. The 60 days allowed for completion of this replacement well and abandonment of the old well has past. Glenn Dyer made a motion to suspend Mr. Rudnicki's drillers license and Carmel Well Drilling company license indefinitely until Mr. Rudnicki explains to the Commission his lack of action. Marc Loiselle 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed. Don Wiswell and David Braley abstained from voting.

Cheryl Cook vs Road Runner (Peter Peaslee) - The Attorney General's office has responsibility for further action on this complaint.

Hoyt & Cheryl Fairbrother vs Burnett Well Drilling - The Commission had earlier found violations of the Rules and ordered corrective action. The 60 days allowed for completion of these corrective actions has expired. The driller has not responded to repeated attempts by the Commission to address this case. The Commission voted to suspending Mr. Garrett DeBeck's well driller's license and the Brunett Well Drilling Company license indefinitely for failing to comply with the Commission's orders.

Paul & Linda Ronquist vs P. L. Jones & Son INC - The Commission's decision as decided at the December 2, 2003 meeting will stay. Dean Getchell will supervise the abandonment of the well.

- Mr. Jones will be given 30 days to pay the \$1,000 fine.

- 14 days to abandon the well because the Commission determined that a significant public health hazard exists.
- The old casing must be pulled due to potential cross contamination.
- Mr. Jones may apply for a new well with a Specialty Well Application.

Serena Daigle vs Merl "Sam" Dunham Inc - Ms. Daigle has a siltation problem. Chris Olson made a motion to send Dean Getchell to inspect the well and Marc Loisel 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Three voted yes and three-voted no, Donald Wiswell, Chairman, then voted yes. Motion passed. Dean will take a test "B" and bring a sample of the water to the next meeting.

### **Complaints Closed**

Stephen Wright - Carmel Well Drilling - Closed

David Silver vs Robert Bell Driller - Closed

### **Specialty Wells**

Gary Rumley - Goodwin Well & Water - Approved with 120' of casing or Jaswell type seals.

### **Examinations Requested**

Peter J Fleming, A & W Artesian Well Co., will be sitting for the Journeyman Well Drillers license.

### **Examination Passed**

None

### **Other Business**

Steven Palmer passed his Pump Installers exam. Mr. Palmer was not listed in the system as an apprentice therefore; he will be issued an apprentice license until he completes the experience requirements in the Well Drillers and Pump Installers Rules. When the amount of time has passed he will be issued a Journeyman Pump Installers license. His exam will be held in his file.

**Meeting Dates for 2004**

February 9, 2004  
March 2, 2004  
April 6, 2004  
May 4, 2004  
June 1, 2004  
July 6, 2004

August 3, 2004  
September 7, 2004  
October 5, 2004  
November 2, 2004  
December 2, 2004

Subject to change.

**Meeting Adjourned** Glenn Dyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Marc Loiselle 2<sup>nd</sup> it. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

The next Well Drillers Meeting will be:  
**Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at 9:00 am.**